

Claims 13-15 are newly presented to provide a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure.

The Action requires restriction to one of the following claim groups:

Group I, claims 1-5 and 9-12; and

Group II, claims 6-8.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

In the Action, it is alleged that the claimed groups are distinct because the invention of Groups I and II are related as process for making and product made, and the process can be used to make a materially different product. However, permitting all of the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application would lessen the amount of effort required by the Patent and Trademark Office. The alternative is to proceed with the filing of additional applications, consisting of the same disclosure, and being subjected to substantially the same search, perhaps by a different Examiner on a different occasion, with the resultant burden of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and allow the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with 37 CFR 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II, namely claims 6-8.

Additionally, Applicants believe that claims 13-15, which variously depend from claims 6 and 8, should be prosecuted along with claims 6-8.

Applicants submit the subject application to be in condition for allowance, and request a notice thereof.

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